Tashlich 2020
### Nominating Committee — Judy Bluestone, Chair

- Are you a numbers person?
- Have you time on your hands?
- Would you like to use your talents to benefit your synagogue?

Well, if so, we have a great job for you! How about considering the all-important job of Treasurer at Congregation Beth Yam?

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Our current treasurer, Mike Weingarten, will be retiring from this position at the end of May. He will gladly discuss the range of responsibilities with you and serve as advisor to his successor.

Please contact Judy by email, home phone; 843-681-6519 or cell phone; 843-368-2213. ☎️
We made it! We have been sealed into the Book of Life again for another year. These days we probably should not take that ancient phrase lightly or for granted. We have a challenge this coming year with blessings and warnings. We are beginning Sukkot and Simchat Torah this month and that is always fun and joyous. I hope you will join us on the live stream for these events. We continue to have our services and look forward to new activities this fall.

But before I move on to the future, please allow me to thank the professional staff for making these high holy days so meaningful, including Robin Krumholz and Michael Shapiro, Renee and Eli Roth, David Kimbell, Adriana Urato, Charlie Curtis (our accompanist), Rachel Pepin (Director of Family Engagement), Valerie Seldes (Director of Religious Education) and Yvonne Daley (the Queen of Clean of our facility), Ron our guy who moves everything around our building. Of course, there is Michele Johnson and Ceil Treiss, who did a fantastic job of organizing the administrative work for the Holy Days. What a great team we have at CBY!

I also want to thank the volunteer leadership from our president, Candy Solomon and the Board of Directors. Thank you Jeremy Press for attending services and supporting the technical team and providing us with the security services, too. The lesson is that it really does take a village to put on the High Holy Days. It is a team effort all the way.

Now let us take the wisdom and inspiration we received from the services and put it to good use in our daily lives. Make a difference for someone else. Show a bit more generosity and understanding. When things get us riled like the election season, just breathe first before we react.

Watch out this month for the beginning of our fall Forefront series, which will be filled with all sorts of interviews from here to Israel. Check out the publicity. I am confident you will love the choices and the topics we have selected for you.

We say in Hebrew at Sukkot, “Moadim L’simcha”, which means Seasons of Gladness, and the response is “hagim uzaminim v’sasson”, which means festivals, holidays and seasons of joy. That is what I hope for us all this Sukkot.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W., DD

Board Meeting Action Items
(Abstracted from Board Minutes)

1. Motion (J. Fradkin/D. Kurjan) to approve resident single membership for Sarah Beachkofsky was adopted.
2. Risa Prince (President of the Low Country Coalition Against Hate) discussed the effort to petition the South Carolina legislature to pass a Hate Crimes Bill. South Carolina is one of the few states to not have such a statute. The Low Country Coalition Against Hate has been working with Stamp Out Hate.SC to promote legislative action on this matter. A motion (R. Roth/B. Meyer) to authorize CBY to sign on as a faith community supporter of Stamp Out Hate.SC efforts to promote a Hate Crimes statute was adopted.
3. Revisions to the Funds section of the CBY Policy Book were presented by Mike Weingarten and Michael Shapiro. After discussion, a few changes to wording were proposed and accepted. The final document will be sent to all Board Members tomorrow. A motion (M. Weingarten/M. Shapiro) to approve revisions as amended following Board discussion was adopted via e-vote.
4. Judy Bluestone reported that Barbara Slagowitz will be unable to serve on the Nominations Committee. A motion (J. Bluestone/B. Meyer) to approve Marcie Frisch as her replacement was adopted.

Fiscal Year 2019–20 Report
–Mike Weingarten, CBY Treasurer

As is customary in our October Tidings, a final financial report for the prior fiscal year is published. We were very fortunate this past fiscal year to receive a CARES loan/grant from the federal government for approx. $63,000 in the 4th quarter of last fiscal year which enabled us to have a substantial surplus in last year’s results. That surplus will be very helpful in our current fiscal year with a known decrease in revenue due to the Covid virus with major fundraising activities curtailed for this fiscal year. If you have any questions on the financials, feel free to email me.
Shalom CBY,

We are in the midst of a new normal that none of us ever expected. We have had to change the ways we operate and find new ways to keep our members engaged spiritually. We have learned new techniques in technology and created new programs for members. Life at CBY goes on, whether our doors are open or closed.

Now, more than ever, we need your financial support to keep CBY operating at its peak. Rabbi Bloom and our staff have continued to come up with creative services and programming so that we all remain connected. This is no easy feat and takes a lot of time and energy. We all have a responsibility to ensure that the CBY we know and love can continue operating at the level we have come to enjoy and expect.

So, I come to you reminding you that we all have a financial responsibility to our shul. Yes, these are uncertain times that we are facing. We have prevailed over hurricanes; we will prevail over a pandemic. We will remain a fixture in the Jewish community in southern Beaufort County with your help.

Let’s talk about the ways you can help.

Our annual membership request statements have come out to you with a customary cost of living adjustment for our staff included. This is what keeps our doors open and our operations on track. This allows us to continue our programming for member engagement, our advertising, and our technology enhancements among other things.

You can support CBY by participating in our fundraising events, whether online or in person. The Fundraising committee has some tricks up their sleeves with new, creative ideas. This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary, and while we may need to delay our celebration, stay tuned for announcements when we can resume planning for this milestone event.

You don’t need a special occasion to donate to CBY. This can be easily done on our website. If you have a cause that interests you, a donation is an easy way to show your support.

Our Friends campaign contributions also go into our operating funds. Last year, we had a record campaign that raised $82,000. Please consider donating to Friends this year, and let’s try to beat last year’s record amount. We accept any amount (and I mean any!). My dream is for us to get 100% participation.

CBY has had an Endowment Fund for eight years. This fund creates a financial reserve for special programs, emergencies, or operations. The funds are invested in balanced mutual funds. This gift can be a current contribution or a legacy gift. Please consider contributing if you update your trust documents.

We all have a financial responsibility to CBY. The Board of Directors is entrusted to spend money wisely and live within our means. This is the key to a stable, healthy financial life. We have to budget carefully, save for emergencies, and plan for the future to be fiscally responsible. We don’t take anything for granted. We greatly appreciate whatever you are able to do, whether it be financially or through other service to CBY. Please honor your commitments to CBY so that we can continue to offer everything you’ve come to expect from us. This will allow us to be wise stewards for the benefit of all.

“Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much.” Erich Fromm

Shalom and keep smiling, Candy

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**Message from the President – Candy Solomon**

**Last Call for Adult B’nai Mitzvah Class**

Rabbi Bloom and the Ritual Committee are happy to announce another adult B’nai Mitzvot program. According to Rabbi Bloom:

“The program we design will be doable for everyone who participates. It is not about how much Hebrew one has to memorize; rather, our mission is to provide a learning experience where an adult can achieve becoming a Bnai Mitzvah at his/her level of learning. This class will be a group class where learning and sharing and caring about each other and your spirituality will be critical goals.” Rabbi Bloom will be teaching class on Jewish values. There will be a beginning Hebrew reading class. Following this, everyone will receive a Hebrew tutor, and together, the Rabbi and participants will style a group or individual experience depending on the desire and intention of each student.

I am proud to say that I have participated and completed this program with five other congregants. It was one of the most meaningful experiences that I have had, and I will never forget it. It has enhanced my learning, confidence, and spirituality. Give it a try! We will be meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM. If you are interested and/or have any questions, please email or call Randy Kurjan at 843-342-5568.

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**Corny Jokes from Candy to Put a Smile on Your Face!**

- Why did the student eat his homework?
  - Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

- What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?
  - That hit the spot!
Membership Committee — Janice Fradkin & Judy Movshin, Co-chairs

The high holidays are always such a special time for so many of us - a time of reflection, connection, and, of course, matzo ball soup! With many traditions being adapted this year because of our current situation, the Membership committee has been working to help our members continue to feel connected to and valued by our CBY synagogue family.

To that end, eight post-religious school and college students were sent a holiday gift from CBY wishing them a sweet new year. (Who can’t use a little chocolate when you may be far from home during this time of the year?!) Will ties to CBY now mean ties to Judaism throughout their lives? We hope so!

Please join us in saying mazel tov and thanks to the 18+ year members of CBY who are listed elsewhere in this Tidings - now known as our Chai members. Chai is life, and the support of these individuals and families through the years has indeed given life to our synagogue; it has allowed us to serve and benefit so many in our diverse Jewish community since 1981. Our thanks and great appreciation to all of you!

Shana tova.

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Sisterhood — Helen Hauer, President

What are some of the things Sisterhood does?

✧ Coordinate onegs for Friday night. Hopefully we will begin again when CBY reopens. We are now discussing having “virtual onegs”, where people can donate for a special occasion.

✧ Manage a Judaica gift shop. Robin Krumholz is very willing to do special ordering when a request is made.

✧ Arrange a Women’s Passover Seder for congregation members and guests along with other luncheons during the year.

✧ Organize the Community Seder.

✧ Have a book club open to all members.

✧ Responsible for the maintenance of the kitchen.

✧ As members of WRJ, we contribute to all of their programs.

✧ Supply a food platter to bereaved congregation families.

✧ Raise monies for CBY, Deep Well, Back Pack Buddies, and other charities.

✧ Purchased half of the prayer books used at services in our temple.

✧ Promote education and sisterhood for all women of the temple.

I hope you will join us in Sisterhood membership.

Yours in Sisterhood, Helen

Book Club

The next Sisterhood Book Club will be Thursday, November 12, at 12:30 pm on Zoom. We will be discussing The “Book of V” by Anna Solomon. It weaves together the stories of Queen Esther from ancient Persia, Vivian, who is a political wife in 1970’s Washington, DC, and Lily, who is a young wife and mother in Brooklyn in 2016. The New York Times calls it a “meditation on female power and powerlessness.” Please RSVP by November 9 to Susan Sigalow by email.

Membership

Lorna Bonner, Membership VP

It has been so long since we have been together! I miss my dear friends and the joy of meeting new ones. You definitely need to look for the following two activities. They will be so much fun!

✧ The Chefs of Sisterhood

In January, we will present the Chefs of Sisterhood. Each cook will prepare a dish appropriate for a Shabbat meal. She will be zoomed from her kitchen, sharing suggestions and family secrets.

✧ Cosmetology “Tips”

In February we will feature a Zoom program bringing you an expert cosmetologist. She will demonstrate techniques and give us tips on product applications and blending of colors.

We hope you will join our Zooms! Look for our email blast announcements after the holidays!

Something New From Sisterhood

The Sisterhood Board is initiating a new way for congregants to honor or memorialize those they wish to remember. Unlike our “in person” Oneg Shabbats, which we cannot have due to our Covid19 restrictions, we are introducing the concept of a Virtual Oneg for our virtual Shabbat services. Instead of sponsoring an oneg and purchasing or baking food, we invite congregants to donate and to indicate the reason for the donation – “in honor of our new grandchild”, for example. Then the donors would be thanked at the end of the service just as they always were when we were together. The Sisterhood Board determined that since, traditionally, the oneg donations were food donations, monies collected for the Virtual Oneg would be given to Mazon. We have donated to Mazon for years after our group seders, both the Women’s Seder and the Community Seder, but these were canceled last spring.

Mazon is an international organization whose goals are to feed the hungry, support grass roots legislation to feed the hungry, and provide educational opportunities within communities. The recipients of Mazon support do not have to be Jewish. Hunger, we know, does not discriminate.

If you wish to participate, please send a check to Felicia Pascal, our Sisterhood treasurer, 3 Anglers Pond Court, Hilton Head, SC 29926 and indicate it is for the Virtual Shabbat. You may also go to the CBY Sisterhood donation page and make your donation through PayPal. Indicate a date if you wish and the reason for the donation.

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Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

This message to everyone is being written in mid-September as the High Holy Days approach. Knowing it will be read in mid-October is a bit odd, but that is how the timing goes. As we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we contemplate who we have been, consider how we might do better. We ask for forgiveness for wrong-doings and pray to be written in the Book of Life. We stop and take notice of our blessings. We imagine a new year in which a safe vaccine will be developed and available to all. We hope for health and life without COVID-19.

I take this time to count my blessings. And I wonder how we might make the world a better place through social action.

Since March 2020, the Social Action committee has focused on helping support those agencies dealing with the vast food insecurity that exists in our community. Hidden poverty and hunger troubles us deeply.

We were allocated a budget that was level-funded in a difficult fiscal year, for which we are grateful. And, we have been blessed with the generosity of congregants who have donated to the Tzedakah Fund. From each fund, we have drawn money. We have donated $300 to Bluffton Self Help and the same amount to Deep Well. We have bought grocery store gift cards for a congregant family. We planned a food drive with a different process for the High Holy Days. Hopefully, we will be able to report that we collected hundreds of pounds of healthy groceries for Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help.

Usually, around the time that school begins, we collect and distribute school supplies. In this pandemic year, however, learning became “virtual”. As hard as that way of learning is for students, we became aware that some students (and their families) cannot afford the cost of internet connections. The hidden face of poverty became apparent in a new way. What to do?

We collaborated with the Hilton Head MLK Committee for Justice, All Saints Episcopal Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and private donors to support what is called “Student Tech Connect”. The high school has been working with Hargray who will provide internet access.

The cost of providing “Wi-Fi” to a student/family for the school year is $160, plus $20 more to rent an iPad from the school. Our committee took $450 from our SAC budget and $450 from the Tzedakah fund to donate to this effort. Some congregants, family, and friends also offered donations.

The Community Foundation was approached to help with this effort. They are the organization receiving donations, keeping track of monies and paying Hargray’s bill for services. At a later date, they will be sharing fiscal record-keeping.

We know that the need for internet access extends beyond the high school. If we are able to satisfy the needs of the high school, we know that there is an even larger number of students in middle school who cannot afford internet connections.

This may be more information than anyone wanted to hear, yet it seemed important to keep you apprised. The pandemic has uncovered more hidden poverty and economic disparity than I would have imagined. Social Action will continue to do what we can to make a small difference. Some days, it is hard to not be discouraged or angry.

Dr. Barbara Meyer, Chair

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Coat Drive

Wed. Oct. 21, 9 AM to Noon
CBY Parking Lot

Drive into CBY, drop off your winter jackets, coats, warm sweaters, scarves & gloves. Adult, teen, & children’s sizes needed.
Volunteers will greet you, gloved and masked, to take your kind donations.
If you are unable to bring your items, and would like to participate, we will make arrangements to pick up at your home.
For questions or to schedule a pick up, please contact: Barbara Meyer, by email or 413-575-1781. ☀
Ritual Committee — Janet Kelley, Chair

Sukkot Customs and Rituals

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. It also commemorates the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai. One tradition, which takes the commandment to dwell in booths literally, is to erect a **sukkah**. Sukkot (the plural of **sukkah**) are commonly used during the week-long festival for eating, entertaining, and even for sleeping. Sukkot is the only festival associated with an explicit commandment to rejoice.

The **sukkah** symbolizes the frail huts in which the Israelites lived during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt. Sukkot come in many variations, but there are some guidelines to follow when building them. Two important ones are:

- A **sukkah** has to have two and a half walls. Only one can be an existing wall, like the side of a house. The walls may be constructed of any material, generally canvas, wood or metal.
- The roof is to be temporary, covered with loose branches from trees or anything that grows out of the ground, and has been cut off from the ground. According to tradition, this roof covering should give shade and yet allow those in the **sukkah** to see the stars through the roof at night.

Once the **sukkah** is built, it is common to decorate it by hanging fruit and other items from the roof, putting posters on the walls, and even laying carpet on the floor. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest, expressed by blessing and waving the **lulav** and the **etrog**, symbols of the harvest. The **lulav** is a combination of date palm, willow and myrtle branches, held together by a woven palm branch. The **etrog**, or citron, is a lemon-like fruit with a wonderful citrus smell. When reciting the blessing over the **lulav** and **etrog**, one should wave them in six directions - north, south, east, west, up, and down. This action symbolizes that God can be found in all directions, not only in one particular place.

Thank You to Endowment Fund Supporters By Mike Werner

Anita and I send our thanks to each of you who support the CBY Endowment Fund with a current cash donation and/or inclusion in your legacy documents. Your generosity will enable the Endowment to support the future financial health and stability of CBY in times of emergency or financial stress and will sustain the Jewish presence in the Lowcountry.

Anita and I are among you. CBY was a godsend to us when we moved here from Connecticut over 15 years ago. We didn’t know a soul on HHI, only that a synagogue existed.

We were reintroduced to Judaism with two wonderful Rabbis, Covitz and Bloom. We developed many friendships, some very close, and we found what amounted to a new family.

Anita and I want to see the Jewish community in the Lowcountry continue indefinitely. With that objective we are proud supporters to the Endowment Fund. We thank everyone listed below (as of August 31, 2020) who shares our hopes and dreams and invite other CBY members to become Supporters of the CBY Endowment.
Care Committee—JoAnne Doyle & Kathy Burnce, Co-chairs

During the High Holy Days, the Care Committee delivered 67 Rosh Hashanah gift bags filled with good wishes and holiday treats to Jewish residents in nine independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing facilities in southern Beaufort County. As you are probably aware, all residents of care facilities have been sheltered from visitors since March and unable to leave except for doctor’s appointments. We want to show them we care. Thank you to April Adelson, Kathy Burnce, and JoAnne Doyle for the many calls it took to update our facilities lists and locate Jewish residents. Thank you to Janice Fradkin, Judy Movshin, Randy Kurjan, and JoAnne Doyle for writing dozens of cards of good wishes to include in the bags. Kathy and Mike Burnce worked with a local printer to have beautiful Jewish calendar magnets printed. This is a great new addition to our gift bags this year. Through her personal contacts, Kathy also located real honey at a great price. Kathy and Mike Burnce and JoAnne and Ray Doyle created a socially distanced assembly line to fill the dozens of bags. Kathy and Mike Burnce, Susan and Mark Britanisky, Joey Perchick, and JoAnne Doyle made the deliveries to security guards at the facilities. We are very proud of how our Rosh Hashanah goals have been met. Thank you Care Committee!

Phone Calls

During the current pandemic, when most of us are staying at home, we miss our family and friends. If you would like a phone call from the Care Committee, or from Rabbi Bloom, please contact by email or Kathy by email.

Rabbi on the Road

Since late July, Rabbi Bloom and the Care Committee have been working on a new outreach to CBY congregants. We call it “Rabbi on the Road”. In partnership with the Care Committee, Rabbi Bloom will be scheduling visits to all the communities, first on the island and then off island. Rabbi has completed his first round of visits to Hilton Head Plantation and Indigo Run. Rabbi is well aware of the social distancing rules, but how about a quick wave and a hello to our Rabbi? Rabbi wants to maintain his contact with all of us, and this is a way congregants and Rabbi can touch base even if it is just a wave or a longer chat. You will be receiving notification of designated days that Rabbi Bloom will be spending in your community. If you would like a visit, please respond by emailing JoAnne at by email for Hilton Head visits or Kathy by email for Bluffton visits so that we can set up the times for the Rabbi to visit. We are a caring community and we thank Rabbi Bloom for making this effort to touch base with our membership. ♦
CONTRIBUTIONS: We gratefully acknowledge the following from August 16-September 15

JoAnne Perchick
I was born during a blizzard in Buffalo where I grew up, although we moved to the suburbs when I was starting 7th grade. Flash forward! I graduated high school in 1966 and college in 1970. I received a Bachelor of Education with a minor in Sociology. At that time I was protesting the war in Vietnam. I married my husband shortly after graduation, and then I taught fourth grade while my husband finished medical school. After medical school, we moved to Pittsburgh, PA; Rochester, NY; New Jersey and finally ended up in Poughkeepsie, NY. Our three children grew up too quickly.

I decided to move to HHI after ten years living alone in Poughkeepsie. I became a member of CBY after moving here, and it is there that I made so many friends whom I treasure as my family.

Throughout my life I’ve done many things and have wonderful memories. I taught 4th grade for two years and enjoyed skiing, horseback riding, pottery, making stained glass, snorkeling and diving, but I especially love spending time on the beach.

In Hilton Head, I have spent some of my spare time doing volunteer work, first as a reader at the Children’s Center. Now, I enjoy volunteering at Bargain Box and VIM, and I like to help people who are less fortunate than I.

Of the many things I have done, my favorite job was being a mother to my three kids and wife to my husband.
Making and Delivering Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags
JANE AND HART’s NEWLY REMODELED GUEST SPACES

NEW SHOWER, VANITY, AND FIXTURES

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NEW QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS

“Jack Resnick has done four home construction projects for us over the past few years. With each he delivered just what we asked for, excellent results: high quality work, on schedule, and on budget. Most recently he renovated our two guest suites, including two bedrooms each with its own full bathroom. Jack took great care to protect our house and furnishings from the extensive dust and dirt an indoor construction project generates. His attention to detail resulted in our complete satisfaction, as it has in all the work he has done for us. We would recommend Jack Resnick and Group 4 Builders for any construction or renovation project, big or small.”

Hart & Jane Joseph

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